

### IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject Patent Application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A manicuring appliance having a manieure cutting implement comprising: ~~a metal sheet, said sheet being folded along a first axis, said sheet having an opening along said axis, said opening being of a geometry to define first and second space apart cutting edges along said axis, said implement also including means for moving said implement along said axis.~~

an elongated member having first and second ends;

a proximal member releasably coupled to said first end of said elongated member;

said proximal member having a first end including said cutting implement, said cutting implement having a flat portion at one end and a guard member at a second opposing end thereof and a pair of cutting edges therebetween; and,

a distal member coupled to said second end of said elongated member.

Claims 20-28 (Canceled).

Claim 29. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 19, where said elongated member includes a hollow cavity at said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 30. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 29, where said elongated member further includes a pair of apertures formed on each of said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 31. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 30, where said proximal member includes a pair of probes protruding from a second end thereof, each said probe respectively having a securing tab projecting therefrom, wherein, said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said first end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said first end of said elongated member when said proximal member is coupled to said elongated member.

Claim 32. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 30, where said distal member includes a pair of probes protruding from an end thereof, each said probe respectively having a receiving tab projecting therefrom, wherein said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said second end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said second end of said elongated member when said distal member is coupled to said elongated member.